

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for editing images, the apparatus connected to at least one creator terminal and at least one client terminal via a network, the apparatus comprising:

a communication section for receiving at least one image from the at least one creator terminal via the network;

a dividing device for automatically dividing the image into a plurality of components;

an editing data registering device for automatically associating editing data including motion data representing at least one motion, the motion corresponding to at least one component of the image so as to impart motion to that component independent of all other components;

an editing device for automatically combining all registered motion data and all respective components to thereby impart the motion to the image; and

a presentation device for presenting the motion-enabled image to the at least one client terminal via the network for selection of one or more of the associated motion data to thereby display the image exhibiting the selected motion.

2. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

an accepting device for accepting a request for purchasing the motion-enabled image presented by the presentation device; and

a selling device for selling the motion-enabled image for which the purchasing request is accepted by the accepting device.

3. (currently amended) An apparatus for editing images, the apparatus connected to at least one creator terminal and at least one client terminal via a network, the apparatus comprising:

a communication section for receiving at least one image from the at least one creator terminal via the network;

a dividing device for automatically dividing the image into a plurality of components;

an editing data registering device for automatically associating editing data including motion data representing various motions, each motion corresponding to at least one component of the image so as to impart motion to that component independent of all other components;

a first presentation device for presenting the image and the various associated motions to the at least one client terminal via the network;

an accepting device for accepting selection of the image and at least one motion from the various motions presented by the first presentation device;

an editing device for automatically combining all selected motion data with all respective associated components to thereby impart the selected motion to the image; and

a second presentation device for presenting the motion-enabled image to the at least one client terminal via the network to thereby display the image exhibiting the selected motion.

4. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein:

the accepting device accepts selection of various successive motions; and

the editing device generates the image having the various successive motions.

5. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image represents a two- or three-dimensional object.

6. (canceled)

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8. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising a remuneration calculating device for calculating, according to sales of the image from which the motion-enabled image sold by the selling device is derived, a remuneration for a creator who has prepared the image .

9. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising an offering price calculating device for calculating, according to sales of the image from which the motion-enabled image sold by the selling device is derived, an offering price of the image.

10. (currently amended) A method for editing images, comprising operating an apparatus to:

~~receiving~~ receive at least one image from at least one creator terminal via a network;

~~dividing~~ automatically divide the image into a plurality of components;

~~associating~~ automatically associate motion data representing at least one motion with at least one component of the image to impart motion to that component independent of all other components;

~~combining~~ automatically combine all components and all respective associated motion data to thereby impart motion to the image; and

~~presenting~~ present the motion-enabled image via the network to a client terminal for selection of one or more of the associated motion data to thereby display the image exhibiting the

selected motion.

11. (currently amended) A method for editing images, comprising operating an apparatus to:

~~receiving~~ receive at least one image from at least one creator terminal via a network;

~~dividing~~ automatically divide the image into a plurality of components;

~~associating~~ automatically associate motion data representing various motions with at least one component of the image to impart motion to that component independent of all other components;

~~presenting~~ present the image and the various associated motions to the at least one client terminal via the network;

~~accepting~~ accept selection of the image and at least one motion from the various motions presented;

~~combining~~ automatically combine all selected motion data with all respective associated components constituents of the selected ~~computer graphics character data item~~ image to thereby impart the selected motion to the image; and

~~presenting~~ present the motion-enabled image to the at least one client terminal via the network to thereby display the image exhibiting the selected motion.

12. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the associated motion data is applicable to a plurality of different images .

13. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the editing data includes at least one of text data, voice data, or music data, and wherein the editing device associates at least one of words, voice, or music to the image together with the motion.

14. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the associated motion data is applicable to a plurality of different images .

15. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the editing data includes at least one of text data, voice data, or music data, and wherein the editing device associates at least one of words, voice, or music to the image together with the motion.